

**BAG IN BROWN &  
RECYCLE IN BLUE...  
IT'S EASY TO DO!**

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Tips on the 2-cart automated collection system  
from your Solid Waste Management Professionals



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For more information or questions, call 3-1-1



## ANTHONY

**Bio:**

Anthony has been with the City for more than 10 years. He enjoys riding his motorcycle and going to the coast with his family. His family's favorite thing to do is to attend church on Sundays.

### Dear Anthony, What can I recycle in my blue cart?

Sixty to 80% of what we toss in the garbage can be recycled. You can recycle most types of clean paper including magazines, phone books and catalogs; all plastics labeled 1 to 7 (look for the recycling symbol on the bottom); glass bottles and jars of all colors (but make sure to remove the lids); and aluminum tins and metal cans. The added bonus is that you don't have to sort your items before placing them in the cart...just toss them right in...it's that easy!

#### A Pro Tip:

The more items you recycle in your blue cart, the more room you will have in your brown cart for bagged trash.

#### Rollout Assistance:

The City has a medical waiver service available for residents who are physically unable to roll their cart out for collection. Call 3-1-1 for eligibility requirements.



## TROY

**Bio:**

Troy has been with the City for more than 12 years. He enjoys playing golf.

### Dear Troy, Why do I have to bag my trash?

Bagging your trash before placing it in your brown cart is a must. When you bag in brown, you help keep your cart clean and minimize odors. Most importantly, it eliminates trash from being scattered on the street during collection. Remember, keeping trash in its place is everyone's responsibility.

#### A Pro Tip:

You can save money on buying garbage bags by re-using your plastic grocery bags to contain your trash for collection day.



#### Brush and Bulky Item Collection:

Brush and bulky collection is provided to all City of San Antonio residential rate paying customers. Residents receive two scheduled brush collections a year. They are notified of their collection date with a yellow "It's Your Turn" brush collection notice from the City. Materials placed on curbs without notification from the City is considered a violation of City Code and may be subject to enforcement and fines up to \$2000 a day. For more information, call 3-1-1 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov/brush](http://www.sanantonio.gov/brush).



## DARRELL

**Bio:**

Darrell has been with the City for two years. He has been a gospel musician since the age of 13; he enjoys classic 1970's cars.

### Dear Darrell, Where do I place my cart on collection day?

Your cart must be placed at the collection point by 7:00 a.m. with the arrow on the lid pointing toward the street. To help the truck's mechanical arm reach your cart, do not place the cart under low-hanging trees or within 5 feet of any mailbox, vehicle, telephone pole or other obstacle.

#### A Pro Tip:

Do not overfill the container. The system works best if the lid is completely closed. This helps to prevent trash spilling in your neighborhood.



#### Household Hazardous Waste:

Many common household products such as pesticides, herbicides, bleach, cleaners, fertilizers and auto fluids can be harmful to the environment and should never be poured down the drain, dumped on the ground or placed in the trash. Residents who pay the City's solid waste rate fee through their CPS bill can dispose of these products for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Center. For more information, call 3-1-1 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov/enviro](http://www.sanantonio.gov/enviro).



## ENRIQUE

**Bio:**

Enrique has been with the City for more than 11 years. He enjoys going to the movies with his family.

### Dear Enrique, What do I do with my green waste?

Green waste, also called yard waste, consists of leaves, tree trimmings, weeds, grass and other organic materials. You can place bagged green waste in your brown cart for collection; however, we encourage you to "think green." You can feed your lawn by grasscycling (leaving your clippings on the lawn after mowing).

#### A Pro Tip:

Turn your green waste into compost for gardens and landscaping projects.



#### Leaf Collection:

Residents on the 2-cart program are eligible to schedule two special collections at no additional charge during the City's fiscal year (October 1- September 30). This may be utilized for leaf collection or the collection of move-in/ move-out materials. Requests thereafter for leaf collection are at a reduced rate of \$20 per request. Call 3-1-1 to request the special collection service.